Growth of Industrial Production and Export

2490. SHRI BRAHAMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the target fixed for the growth of industrial production and export during 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

(b) whether the achievements have been made as per target fixed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to boost the exports ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRl MURASOLl MARAN):

(a) to (c) The export targets fixed for the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000 and export performance during the same period is as under:—

Year	Export targets (%)	Export performance (%)
1998-99	20.00	3.7* 11.12* (April-
1999-2000	11.3**	Feb.)

No targets are fixed for industrial production.

(d) A number of steps have been taken to further enhance the export growth which include reduction in translation cost through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measure as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions.

Decline in Herbal Exports

2491. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the herbal export during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

*The data are provisional and are compared with the provisional data of the same period last year.

**Targets excluding software